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METHOD FOR MEASURING THE WETTABILITY OF ROCKS

BY NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE

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**ABSTRACT** 

A method for measuring the wettability of rocks by low-field nuclear magnetic

resonance is described which has application for hydrocarbon reservoir

engineering or development, or in civil engineering. The method essentially

determines the water wet pore surface and the oil wet pore surface when the

sample is saturated with water and oil, by measurements of relaxation times (T1,

T2) of the sample placed in a nuclear magnetic resonance device, previously

brought to various water or oil saturation states, and calculating the wettability

index by combination of values the relaxation times obtained for said surfaces.